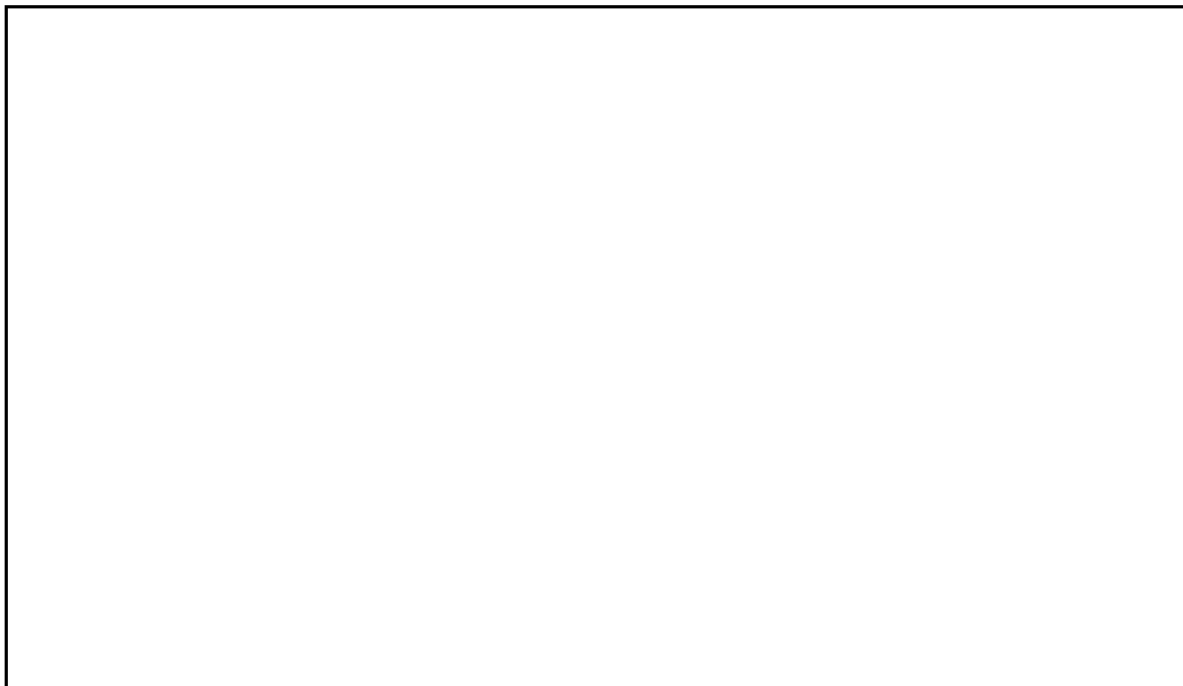


29 October 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 23 October 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray,  
Mr. Herter, Mr. Quarles, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Smith,  
Admiral Strauss, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats



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2. Navy Publicity Release

The group discussed a proposed news story on the Navy's nuclear depth charge, which the Defense Department wished to release to the press at the conclusion of a trip by Secretaries McElroy and Gates aboard the Seawolf. It was agreed that there would be no objection to this statement being made, on the afternoon of 23 October.

### 3. Possible Countermeasures to Publicity on Soviet Advances

There was general discussion of measures that the US might take to demonstrate to the American people and to the rest of the world that we too are making substantial scientific progress. Among the ideas suggested were:

- a. Publicity for a recent voyage by the Nautilus under the Arctic ice.
- b. A demonstration of moving a massive amount of earth, with a clean nuclear device, somewhat along the lines of the dam-building feats claimed by the Soviets.
- c. Expediting the construction of an atomic-fueled cargo ship.
- d. A public display of various weapons in our missile arsenal.
- e. A large-scale press tour of Patrick Air Force Base in Florida.
- f. A very long-range Polar flight by Pan American Airways.

There ensued a discussion of the Defense proposal to stage a display of the offensive capability of the Strategic Air Command by arranging a rendezvous over Buenos Aires. Mr. Washburn opposed this idea on the ground that it appeared to have too much of an aspect of sabre rattling. However, it developed that the State Department, particularly the Embassy in Argentina, feels that this might be a good idea.

It was agreed that a working interagency committee should press ahead with an accelerated version of the White Paper which would catalogue our scientific achievements. It was stated that the original schedule for preparation of such a paper, which had envisaged submission to the Board by 30 October, had been changed so that a paper would be available for possible use in connection

with the Presidential press conference scheduled for 29 October. The new paper will deal only with missiles. The DCI agreed to assign an officer to assist in the preparation of the paper by furnishing information on Soviet missile progress since World War II.

4. Possible Soviet Actions in Connection with 7 November Celebration

The DCI listed for the group a number of things that the Soviets could do in the way of dramatic scientific demonstration, in connection with the 40th Anniversary of the Russian Revolution, to be celebrated 7 November. He stressed that we have little information to indicate that the Soviets intend to accomplish any of the more spectacular actions but he pointed out that all of the possibilities discussed are estimated to be within the present capabilities of the USSR.

*Approved by DCI*

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